

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICE – AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION DEPARTMENT – case under the PC Act, 1988 against Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao, formerly Divisional Cooperative Officer (Dy.Registrar of Cooperative Societies), Narasaraopet, Guntur District –Trapped on 25.04.2013 – Sanction for Prosecution – Accorded – Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 5

Dated: 13th MARCH, 2015

Read

ORDER:

- 1) WHEREAS, Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao, S/o Venkateswarlu, worked as Divisional Cooperative Officer, Narasaraopet, Guntur District from 15.07.2010 to 25.04.2013 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under Section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988.
- 2) AND WHEREAS, Sri Alaparthi Nageswara Rao S/o Satyanarayana, aged 63 years, Ex-PACS Presedent, R/o D.No.7/209, Piduguralla (V) & (M), Guntur District and he is cultivator.
- 3) AND WHEREAS, it is alleged that Sri Alaparthi Nageswara Rao eking his livelihood by doing cultivation. Previously he worked as President, PACS, Piduguralla during the period from 1995 to 2003. During that period they were organized some self integrated programmes through ICDP (Integrated Cooperative Development Project) besides bank transactions. In the year 2002-2003 the Sr. Inspector/Auditor, Gurazala has conducted the final Audit of the PACS, Piduguralla, wherein, the Auditor has pointed out several serious irregularities and submit a Special Report to District Coop. Audit Officer, Guntur. Basing on report of the Auditor, on 06.08.2004 the Joint Registrar/ District Coop. Officer, Guntur has appointed the Asst. Registrar/ LCCS, Narasaraopet as Enquiry Officer. On 29.06.2005 the Asst. Registrar/ LCCS, Narasaraopet had conducted enquiry and submitted his enquiry report to District Coop. Officer, Guntur. On 05.08.2005 the D.C.O., Guntur has directed the Divisional Coop. Officer, Narasaraopet to conduct Surcharge Enquiry. On 09.02.2009, the Government has granted

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stay orders on the Inquiry Report. On 14.09.2011 the Government has vacated the stay orders on that Inquiry. Accordingly the Deputy Registrar of Coop. Societies, Narasaraopet, Guntur District has proposed to continue the enquiry. During the course of enquiry delinquents were attending before the Enquiry Officer, Narasaraopet twice or thrice in a month. Though, the Enquiry Officer has neither completed the enquiry nor enquired the delinquents and he adjourned the enquiry in several times intentionally. During part of enquiry on 16.04.2013 Sri Alaparthi Nageswara Rao along with Sri Uppala Krishna Murthy S/o Rama Chandraiah, 57 years, Staff Assistant in GDCC Bank, Piduguralla (the then Secretary, PACS, Piduguralla) were attended before the Enquiry officer. After completion of enquiry Sri Alapathi Nageswara Rao met the Enquiry Officer and requested to complete the enquiry within time and submit a favorable report to District Coop. Officer, Guntur. Then, the Enquiry Officer has demanded bribe an amount of Rs. 40,000/- for complete the enquiry and send a favorable report against Sri Alapathi Nageswara Rao. Then Sri Alapathi Nageswara Rao requested the Enquiry Officer that he cannot pay such a huge amount and he requested to reduce the bribe amount. On that Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao cannot agree to reduce the bribe amount and also instructed to him, if anything else to talk with him come to his house situated at Hiriharamahal, Guntur on 22.04.2013. During that time Sri U.Krishna Murthy, PACS, Piduguralla was also present. Accordingly they went to the above place on 22.04.2013, on seeing them Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao asked whether he brought the bribe amount of Rs. 40,000/- or not?. After repeated requests Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao reduced the bribe amount from Rs. 40,000/- to Rs. 30,000/- and also instructed him the bribe amount should be given on the next adjourn date i.e., 25.04.2013. The complainant reluctantly agreed to pay the bribe amount to Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao as he was not willing to pay the bribe amount to Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao, he submitted a written report to DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range on 24.04.2013, who after observing procedural formalities registered a case in Cr.No. 15/RCT-ACB-VJA/2013 on 25.04.2013 at 9.00 am submitted FIR to the concerned and made arrangements for laying trap.

4) AND WHEREAS, after completion of pre trap proceedings the trap party reached the vicinity of the office of the Divisional Coop. Office, Departmental Stores Building, N.S.P. Colony, Lingamgunta,

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Narasaraopet, Guntur District, where Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao successfully trapped, when Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao further demanded and accepted bribe of Rs. 30,000/- from Sri Alapati Nageswara Rao. When the chemical test conducted on both hand fingers of Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao yielded positive results. In pursuance of the information furnished by Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao the tainted amount of Rs. 30,000/- was recovered from left side pant pocket of Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao. When compared, the serial numbers of the recovered currency notes were found to tally with those of serial nos. of the currency notes handed over by Sri Alapati Nageswara Rao during pre-trap proceedings. The chemical test conducted on the inner linings of the left side pant pocket of Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao where the tainted amount was found, also yield positive result. The DSP seized the tainted amount, resultant solutions, pant of Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao, Examined the witnesses and secured relevant records. He also prepared rough sketch of the scene of offence.

5) AND WHEREAS, the above said acts of Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao, S/o Venkateswarlu, formerly Divisional Cooperative Officer, Narasaraopet, Guntur District constitute offences punishable Under Sections 7 & 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6) AND WHEREAS, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being competent authority to remove Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao, formerly Divisional Cooperative Officer, Narasaraopet, Guntur District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. F.I.R., Mediator Reports, Statements of Witnesses, made up files, explanation of Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao, final investigation report of DG, ACB etc.,) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao, formerly Divisional Cooperative Officer, Narasaraopet, Guntur District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.

7) NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government hereby accord sanction for the prosecution

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of Sri Koppakula Venkata Rama Rao, formerly Divisional Cooperative Officer, Narasaraopet, Guntur District for the above said offences punishable under Sections 7 & 13(2) read with 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(L. PREMACHANDRA REDDY)
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (COOP. & MKTG.)

To
The Director General,
Anti Corruption Bureau,A.P., Hyderabad.